

Application No. 10/804,985

Response to Office Action of October 2, 2006

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A method of securing tools removed from a lockable cabinet and placed on a rolling cart without removing the tools from the cart, comprising:

suspending on an outside of the cabinet an open-bottom locker with a side-access doorway closable by a lockable door,

opening the door,

rolling the cart with the tools thereon into the locker through the doorway, and

closing and locking the door.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The method of claim 17, and further comprising opening the door and removing the cart with the tools thereon so that work can be resumed with the tools undisturbed.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 17, and further comprising providing rollers on the cabinet and moving the cabinet when the cart is in the locker so that the cart follows the cabinet.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The method of claim 17, and further comprising providing a retractable shelf in the locker and a storing device on the shelf and retracting the shelf with the device thereon when the door is open.

Claims 21-22 (Cancelled)

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Claim 23 (Previously presented): The method of claim 17, wherein the providing step includes attaching the locker to a support.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The method of claim 23, wherein the support is the cabinet.

Claim 25 (Cancelled)

Claim 26 (Previously presented): A method of securing tools removed from a lockable cabinet and placed on a rolling cart without removing the tools from the cart comprising:

providing on an outside of the cabinet an open-bottom locker with side walls and a side-access doorway closable by a lockable door, wherein each side wall has at least one reinforcing structural support,

guarding the structural supports by providing structure coupled thereto and projecting laterally inwardly therefrom,

attaching the locker to the cabinet by means of a hook-shaped flange and fasteners extending through openings in a wall of the cabinet,

opening the door,

rolling the cart with the tools thereon into the locker through the doorway, and

closing and locking the door.

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Claim 27 (Previously presented): A method of providing a tool at a job site, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a tool cabinet for securing a tool, and a locker suspended from and connected with the tool cabinet having an interior space, an open bottom to facilitate movement of an object into and out of the interior space, and an opening providing access to the interior space;

associating a tool with the object; and

moving the object into and out of the interior space.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): A method as defined in claim 27 wherein the object is a cart, the method comprising the steps of:

placing a tool on the cart;

moving the cart and the tool about the job site; and

placing the cart and the tool in the interior space.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): A method as defined in claim 27 wherein the locker includes a door having a lock and movable to a closed position covering the opening, the method further comprising the steps of:

locking the lock when the door is in its closed position; and

unlocking the lock when the door is in its closed position.

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Claim 30 (Currently amended): A method of securing tools removed from a lockable cabinet and placed on a rolling cart without removing the tools from the cart, comprising:

providing on an outside of the cabinet an open-bottom locker with a side-access doorway closable by a lockable door,

attaching the locker to the cabinet by suspending the locker from the cabinet on a the support by means of a hook-shaped flange and securing the locker to the cabinet by extending fasteners through openings in a wall of the locker;

opening the door,

rolling the cart with the tools thereon into the locker through the doorway, and
closing and locking the door.